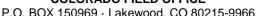
## **COLORADO CROP PROGRESS**



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# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 5, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Winter wheat harvest advanced quickly in eastern counties last week where conditions allowed, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Statewide, winter wheat harvested was 36 percent complete, compared to 7 percent last year and 20 percent on average. In northeastern counties, severe weather delivered isolated moisture and hail in areas. Throughout the district, dry and hot conditions continued to reduce soil moisture supplies. Crop stress due to lack of moisture was also observed. Winter wheat harvest began in some localities and concerns due to low test weights and protein content were noted. Reports also noted damage to rangeland from large numbers of grasshoppers. East central counties received good moisture in areas and the rain was enough to briefly stop wheat harvest in some localities. Overall, conditions remained very dry and pasture condition declined in areas that have not received moisture. In southwestern counties, crops were advancing quickly but minimal moisture was received last week. In the San Luis Valley, isolated moisture was received but did not amount to much. Potatoes and barley were notably in good condition, but pasture and rangeland condition was deteriorating due to lack of moisture. Reports noted some irrigation ditches were turned off earlier than normal. Low temperatures were reported the morning of July 1, causing concern for light frost damage. In southeastern counties, good moisture was received in areas. Isolated and damaging hail was also reported. Storm events were significant enough to stall alfalfa and wheat harvest in areas. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 19 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 65 percent average and 35 percent light.

CROP AND	LIVESTOCK	PROGRESS
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Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average		
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		
Alfalfa hay	•	•	•	*		
1st cutting harvested	93	89	92	94		
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested	13	6	14	16		
Barley						
Headed	83	62	66	79		
Turning color	2	1	9	11		
Corn						
Silked	1		1	2		
Dry edible beans						
Emerged	92	75	79	NA		
Blooming	2	NA	NA	NA		
Sorghum						
Emerged	89	77	82	NA		
Sunflowers						
Planted	97	94	91	94		
Winter wheat						
Turning color	97	92	81	NA		
Mature	74	43	42	62		
Harvested	36	15	7	20		

NA – not available

(--) – zero

#### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.1	6.6	6.0	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	23	28	4	7
Short	33	41	12	20
Adequate	44	31	80	68
Surplus			4	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	27	27	3	6
Short	39	43	18	19
Adequate	34	30	76	72
Surplus			3	3

 $NA-not\ available$ 

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### CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Commodity				
Alfalfa hay	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor	8	5	3	2
Poor	11	9	4	7
Fair	28	27	7	20
Good	46	52	69	57
Excellent	7	7	17	14
Barley			4	1
Very poor	3	5	4 12	3
Poor Fair	23	24	29	23
Good	50	51	45	51
Excellent	24	20	10	22
Corn				
Very poor	5	4		2
Poor	11	14	1	4
Fair	29	39	14	17
Good	48	40	67	64
Excellent	7	3	18	13
Dry edible beans	17	9		2
Very poor	17 19	14	8	3
Poor Fair	29	32	32	23
Good	29	37	53	59
Excellent	6	8	7	8
Onions		_		
Very poor	2	2		1
Poor	5	4		2
Fair	29	27	7	17
Good	60	63	88	70
Excellent	4	4	5	10
Pasture and range	24	21	1	6
Very poor Poor	17	18	1 /	6
Fair	33	33	18	23
Good	26	28	60	50
Excellent			17	10
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	0			
Poor	2	3	10	4
Fair	12	18	30	20
Good	59	55	40	53
Excellent	27	24	20	23
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley	2	2		
Very poor Poor	3	3	2	1
Fair	20	21	18	9
Good	63	63	65	76
Excellent	12	11	15	14
Sorghum				
Very poor	5	3	1	2
Poor	16	5	1	4
Fair	34 39	53	12	23
Good Excellent	6	36 3	74 12	66 5
Sugarbeets	0	3	12	3
Very poor	3	3		1
Poor	10	9	1	2
Fair	26	25	17	15
Good	48	49	65	65
Excellent	13	14	17	17
Sunflowers				374
Very poor	3	3		NA NA
Poor Fair	12 47	12 41	 16	NA NA
Good	35	41 43	76	NA NA
Excellent	3	1	8	NA NA
Winter wheat				1,11
Very poor	19	18	1	3
Poor	20	21	3	11
Fair	38	31	15	28
Good	20	27	47	44
Excellent	3	3	34	14
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Livestock	1			
Very poor Poor	1 5	5	2	1
Fair	20	19	12	12
Good	65	69	67	73
Excellent	9	7	19	14
NA – not available				1

NA – not available (--) – zero